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## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

## **BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Also enclosed are:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of <u>Frank Meulewaeter</u>, <u>Marc Cornelissen</u>, <u>John Jacobs, Gerben Van Eldik and Michael Metzlaff</u> for <u>METHODS AND MEANS FOR DELIVERING INHIBITORY RNA TO PLANTS AND APPLICATIONS THEREOF</u>.

| [X] | sheet(s) of [ ] formal [X] informal drawing(s);   |
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| []  | a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is [ ] hereby made to _ filed in _ on _; [ ] in the declaration;   |
| []  | a certified copy of the priority document;  |
| []  | a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees;   |
| []  | statement(s) claiming small entity status;  |
| []  | an Assignment document;   |
| []  | an Information Disclosure Statement; and  |
| [X] | Other:paper copy of Sequence Listing  |
| [X] | An [ ] executed [X] unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s) [X] also is enclosed [ ] will follow.   |
| []  | Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentenceThis application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§119 and/or 365 to _ filed in _ on _; the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference |
| r 1 | A hibliographic data entry sheet is enclosed.   |



[X] The filing fee has been calculated as follows [X] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

|                                    | CLAIMS            |            |                 |                    |          |  |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|--|
|                                    | NO. OF<br>CLAIMS  |            | EXTRA<br>CLAIMS | RATE               | FEE      |  |
| Basic Applicat                     | \$690.00<br>(101) |            |                 |                    |          |  |
| Total Claims                       | 52                | MINUS 20 = | 32              | x \$18.00<br>(103) | \$576.00 |  |
| Independent<br>Claims              | 6                 | MINUS 3 =  | 3               | x \$78.00<br>(102) | \$234.00 |  |
| If multiple dep                    |                   |            |                 |                    |          |  |
| Total Applicat                     | \$1,500.00        |            |                 |                    |          |  |
| If verified Stat<br>Total Applicat |                   |            |                 |                    |          |  |
| Add Assignme                       |                   |            |                 |                    |          |  |
| TOTAL APP                          | \$1,500.00        |            |                 |                    |          |  |

- [ ] This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.
- [X] A check in the amount of  $\frac{1.500.00}{1.500.00}$  is enclosed for the fee due.
- [ ] Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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